

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 November 2004 – 08:00 13 November 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	Place and conditions unknown
Injury	—	1	1	
Attacks	1	1	2	2 from military posts
Raids	3	—	3	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrols	3	—	3	Incl. reconnaissance over Ramallah
Detentions	3	—	3	At checkpoints
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jenin & Nablus closed mil. zones
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
President Arafat's Funeral	1	—	1	In Al Muqata'a in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Rafah Crossing partially open
Demonstrations	5	—	5	In mourning of President Arafat
TOTAL	16	9	25	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, President of the Palestinian National Authority, and President of the State of Palestine (may he rest in peace). President Arafat passed away after 2 weeks of prolonged treatment at Percy Military Hospital in the French capital Paris. • Mourning and gestures of intense sadness continue to dominate the districts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in honour of President Yasser Arafat and Palestinian flags continue to be flown at half mast. From 11 November 2004 until 18 November 2004, all ministries, governmental departments, universities, and schools will be shut. Private sector enterprises and corporations, except hospitals, pharmacies, and bakeries, will be shut for 3 days.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army dispatched in large numbers inside and at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and prevented worshippers under the age of 50 from other districts from accessing Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque, thereby forcing thousands of civilians to perform prayers near the gates to Al Aqsa Mosque compound and at Israeli army checkpoints at the entrances to the city. An Israeli army helicopter and a surveillance balloon patrolled the skies over Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend along the main road between Qalandiya checkpoint and Ar Ram, the area of Al Aqbat, north of the village of 'Anata, in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Al 'Eizariya, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raid: At 22:00, and again at 03:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. • Funeral Ceremony for President Yasser Arafat: At 14:30, 2 Egyptian helicopters, transporting the body of President Yasser Arafat along with the accompanying delegation, arrived in Al Muqata'a in the city of Ramallah. A funeral procession for President Arafat had been conducted earlier in Egypt in the presence of Arab Presidents, representatives of Arab Presidents, and foreign delegations. The funeral ceremony took place in Al Maqata'a. President Arafat was buried in the yard of Al Muqata'a where the Israeli army placed him under siege for almost 4 years. Hundreds of thousands of civilians, who arrived from all the cities, towns, and villages of the West Bank districts, in addition to representatives of diplomatic missions to the Palestinian National Authority, took part in the funeral ceremony, expressed their deep sadness and gave honour to President Yasser Arafat. • Air Patrol: Beginning at 08:00 on 11 November 2004, Israeli army reconnaissance aircrafts continued to patrol the skies over the district of Ramallah. The Israeli army aircrafts particularly patrolled the skies over Al Muqata'a (President Arafat's compound) in order to observe the preparations that were taking place prior to receiving the body of President Yasser Arafat (may he rest in peace). The Israeli army aircrafts continued to patrol the skies over the area as of 08:00 this morning.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. (ii) The Israeli army closed Al Jalama commercial Wall crossing north of the city of Jenin. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians

	<p>granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin and detained civilians who had participated in the funeral ceremony of President Yasser Arafat in the city of Ramallah. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 13:30, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at the checkpoint set up south of the city of Qalqiliya towards civilian houses in the city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • <u>Funeral Procession of President Arafat:</u> At 19:00, a symbolic funeral procession for President Yasser Arafat took place in the city of Salfit. Thousands of civilians took part in the symbolic funeral procession, expressed deep sadness, and gave honour for President Arafat.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army prevented civilians from entering the city, except those holding Jericho IDs. The Israeli army also continues to prevent Israeli ID card holders from entering the city.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Raid: At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city of Bethlehem. • Demonstrations: Mass demonstrations took place in the district of Bethlehem, marched in the city streets, and gathered in Al Muqata'a in the city of Bethlehem in mourning and honour of President Yasser Arafat.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna, Beit 'Awwa, and Surif, and near the villages of Deir Al 'Asal and Beit Ar Rush. • Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at all entrances to the city of Hebron and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city. • Demonstrations: At 12:00, mass demonstrations, including thousands of civilians, took place in the city of Hebron and the towns of Yatta, Dura, and As Samoa'. Venues for offering condolences for the death of President Arafat were set up in mourning and honour of the President.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • Killing: At 14:50, the Israeli army delivered the corpses of 2 civilians. The place and circumstances of their killing by the Israeli army remain unknown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Al Mabhouh; and (ii) Jihad Abdul Hay Abu Salameh.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) crossing is closed. • Funeral Procession for President Arafat: At 14:30, a symbolic funeral procession for President Yasser Arafat took place in Gaza city. Thousands of civilians took part in the symbolic funeral procession, expressed deep sadness, and gave honour for President Arafat. Civilians, carrying a symbolic coffin for President Arafat, marched in the streets towards Al Muqata'a in Gaza city.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. Israeli authorities declared the opening of Salah Ad Din road to all civilian vehicles, excluding private vehicles, beginning at 24:00 and during 'Eid Al Fitr' (the feast which Muslims celebrate following the end of the holy month of Ramadan).
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 00:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tall As Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses, injuring 1 civilian.